

**Request
For
Continued Examination (RCE)
Transmittal**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application Number	10/027,783
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Group Art Unit	2624
Examiner Name	S. Patel
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See *Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice*, File Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); *Interim Rule 65 Fed. Reg. 14864 (mar. 20, 2000)*, 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (April 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) with Form PTO-1449 and stated references.
- iv. ☐ Other _____


2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, and any additional required fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-1071.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) (**\$790.00** filing fee)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 AND 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other _____

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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Via Electronic Filing